

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Animal Welfare
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
<b>28 June 2011</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>2 October 2013</b>
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b> Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
<p>There have been four meetings of the Cross Party Group on Animal Welfare and one meeting of the sub-group on CCTV since May 2012.</p> <p>At its meeting on <b>Tuesday 2 October 2012</b> the Group considered correspondence forwarded by John Scott MSP on the subject of guide dogs being attacked by other dogs. It was agreed that control of dogs would be the subject of a future meeting.</p> <p>The meeting included the Group AGM where the Annual Return was approved and office bearers elected for the coming year. The Group recorded its thanks to Elaine Murray MSP who was stepping down as Vice-Convener after five years' service.</p> <p>A presentation on wild animals in travelling circuses in Scotland was given by Chris Draper, Born Free Foundation, and a discussion took place.</p> <p>There was also discussion of Council Regulation No 1099/2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing and the Scottish Government implementation process.</p> <p>The meeting was attended by three MSPs and 26 associate members and guests.</p> <p>The <b>CCTV sub-group</b> also met on <b>Tuesday 2 October</b> to consider the results of the survey carried out on behalf of the Group to ascertain how many slaughterhouses had CCTV</p>

installed and how it was used. A report from the Secretary was considered and it was agreed to issue a further call for responses. The meeting was attended by three MSPs and twelve sub-group members. A revised report was circulated to members in February 2013.

The Group meeting on **Tuesday 4 December 2012** received a further update on the implementation of EU Regulation 1099/2009, and on developments at Westminster regarding the licensing of wild animal circuses in England.

The main presentation was given by Laura Vallance, Dogs Trust; Margaret Donnellan, Dogs Trust; Victoria Brown, Kennel Club and Jacqui Cuff, Cats' Protection on behalf of the Pet Advertising Advisory Group, and concerned the advertising and sale of pets on the internet.

A request was made for the subject of general licences for killing wild birds to be discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting was attended by one MSP (the Convener) and 26 associate members and guests.

The meeting on **Tuesday 5 February 2013** received a further update on the implementation of EU Regulation 1099/2009 and discussed the Scottish Government's approach to mandatory CCTV in slaughterhouses.

There was further discussion of out of hours veterinary cover and it was suggested that this be the topic of a future presentation to the Group.

The main presentation covered general licences for killing wild birds with a presentation by Robbie Kernahan of Scottish Natural Heritage.

The meeting was attended by three MSPs and 23 associate members and guests.

The meeting on **Tuesday 21 May 2013** discussed ongoing issues regarding the legal position on mandatory CCTV in slaughterhouses.

The main agenda item was an update on the implementation and enforcement of the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010, and related issues.

A paper from Scottish local authorities highlighting challenges experience in enforcing the Act was presented by Laura Macleod of West Lothian Council. Clare Adamson MSP spoke about the withdrawal of North Lanarkshire Council facilities from dog training classes and provided a detailed report about public training facilities across local authorities.

It was agreed that pet vending would be the main item for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting was attended by three MSPs and 31 associate members and guests.

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

**Claire Baker MSP**

**Claudia Beamish MSP**

**Alex Fergusson MSP**

**Christine Grahame MSP**

**Jim Hume MSP**

**John Scott MSP**

**Alison Johnstone MSP**

**Elaine Murray MSP**

### **NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Organisations

**Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency**  
**Animal Concern Advice Line**  
**Association of British Riding Schools**  
**Born Free Foundation**  
**Blue Cross**  
**British Association for Shooting and Conservation**  
**British Deer Society**  
**British Equine Veterinary Association**  
**British Horse Society Scotland**  
**British Small Animal Veterinary Association**  
**British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection**  
**British Veterinary Association**  
**British Veterinary Nursing Association**  
**Buddies Bunny Rescue**  
**Canine Concern Scotland Trust**  
**Campaign Against the Sale of Cats Online**  
**Cats Protection**  
**Compassion in World Farming**  
**Convention of Scottish Local Authorities**  
**Dogs Trust**  
**Edinburgh Vegetarian/Vegan Dining and Socializing Meetup**  
**Ethical Voice for Animals**  
**Fife Council**  
**Glo-Wild**  
**Independent Weimaraner Rescue & Re-Homing Service**  
**International Fund for Animal Welfare**  
**Jeanne Marchig Centre for Animal Welfare**  
**The Kennel Club**  
**League Against Cruel Sports**

	<p> <b>Marine Conservation International</b>  <b>National Farmers Union of Scotland</b>  <b>National Wildlife Crime Unit</b>  <b>OneKind</b>  <b>Perth and Kinross Council</b>  <b>Rabbits Require Rights Scotland</b>  <b>Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Scotland</b>  <b>Scottish Government Rural Directorate (Animal Welfare)</b>  <b>Scotland's Rural College</b>  <b>Scottish Badgers</b>  <b>Scottish Countryside Alliance</b>  <b>Scottish Gamekeepers' Association</b>  <b>Scottish Kennel Club</b>  <b>Scottish Rural Business and Property Association</b>  <b>Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals</b>  <b>South Lanarkshire Council</b>  <b>University of St Andrews</b>  <b>Vetwork UK</b>  <b>West Lothian Council</b>  <b>World Horse Welfare</b> </p>
Individuals	<p> <b>Will Caola</b>  <b>Edna Elliot-McColl</b>  <b>Mary Millar</b>  <b>Ross Montague</b>  <b>Patricia Neeson</b>  <b>Fiona Nicholson</b>  <b>Patricia Saluja</b>  <b>Donald Shepherd</b>  <b>Joan Shepherd</b> </p>
<p><b>GROUP OFFICE BEARERS</b></p> <p>Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.</p>	
Convener	Christine Grahame MSP
Deputy Convener	Claudia Beamish MSP; Alison Johnstone MSP
Secretary	Libby Anderson, OneKind
Treasurer	
<p><b>FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP</b></p> <p>Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more</p>	

than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

Secretariat support - OneKind

### **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

£10 per organisation/individual, for occasional refreshments

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